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## SWITZERLAND.

*Mortality in cities and towns during the month of August, 1898.*

[Translated in this Bureau from the Wochenbulletin der Schweiz, September 17, 1898.]

Cities.	Popula- tion.	Causes of death.							
		Phthisis pul- monalis.	Smallpox.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping cough.
Zurich.....	158,504	22	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
Geneva.....	87,926	29	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
Basle.....	94,646	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Bern.....	54,578	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lausanne.....	42,082	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
St. Gall.....	34,798	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chaux De Fonds.....	31,605	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lucerne.....	23,380	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Neuchatel.....	19,654	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Winterthur.....	20,558	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Biel.....	19,697	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Herisau.....	15,208	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Schaffhausen.....	12,986	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fribourg.....	13,134	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Locle.....	12,403	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	641,159	108	0	0	11	0	9	0	11

## AFRICA.

*Smallpox at Pretoria and Natal.*CAPE TOWN, *September 3, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to the following:

At Pretoria, South African Republic, smallpox has broken out among the coolies and several cases are reported. But few, if any, whites thus far affected. The Government enforces vaccination, and citizens are allowed fourteen days and farmers one month in which to vaccinate. The state of affairs is pronounced serious, and public meetings are being held to bring pressure to bear upon the "smallpox committee." One speaker stated that "the disease was spreading so rapidly that the whole town would be in quarantine unless prompt measures were taken." In Natal the disease has appeared among the natives, and the Government is using heroic measures. The compulsory vaccination of whites has not yet been ordered, but vaccination is urged. All natives are being vaccinated, and none can leave the colony without a pass. It is stated that no fewer than 4,600 natives went out of the colony before the order was issued. All natives reentering the colony undergo a most thorough examination. Complaints are made of bad lymph, but this the Government denies. From the Orange Free State a correspondent writes that smallpox has broken out and appears to be of a most deadly nature, and up to the present 3 whites and 1 native have died; that there is not a supply of virus. Only 1 case in Cape Colony is reported. The several Governments are active and taking steps necessary to stamp out the disease.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

J. G. STOWE,

*United States Consul-General.*

Hon. THIRD ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.